श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : बात जो करना ही पड़ेगा ....(**व्यवधान**)... महोदय, आप उनसे पूछिए दरख्वास्त तो कीजिए, अगर वह तैयार हो जाएं जो बात करने में कोई हर्ज नहीं हैं ....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री उपसभापति : गवर्नमेंट अगर तैयार होती हैं तो मुझे कोई objection नहीं हैं ....(**व्यवधान**)... **The** Government has its own responsiblity. During the Zero Hour, I cannot ask the Government to respond on all subjects.

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह : महोदय, पूरा सदन आपके सामने खड़ा हैं आप हमें assurance तो दीजिए ....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री उपसभापति : नई परंपरा मत शुरू कीजिए, इसकी गंभीरता को देखकर में कह रहा हूं। कि आप नोटिस दीजिए ....(**व्यवधान**)... Short Duration Discussion करेंगे ....(**व्यवधान**)... शत्रुघ्न सिन्हा जी, प्लीज बैठिए ....(**व्यवधान**)... नहीं आप नोटिस दीजिए ....(**व्यवधान**)... शॉर्ट डयूरेशन डिसकशन करेंगे। ....(**व्यवधान**)... प्लीज दिग्विजय सिंह जी, आप जानते हैं । ....(**व्यवधान**)... शत्रुघ्न सिन्हा जी, आप बैठिए। आप नोटिस दीजिए। ....(**व्यवधान**)... नारायणसामी जी, आप बोलिए। ....(**व्यवधान**)...

NEED FOR PROTECTING INDIAN FISHERMEN FROM HARASSMENT BY SRI LANKAN NAVY

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Puducherry): Mr. Deputy Chairman, thank you for giving me this opportunity. After a long time, 1 am making a Zero Hour submission. This is a matter of concern for all of us. The Indian fishermen, living in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu, when they go for fishing in Indian maritime waters near the Sri Lankan border, the Sri Lankan Navy, under the-guise that the Indian fishermen crossed over to their territory, takes them into custody, takes them to Sri Lanka, keeps them in their jail and after due intervention by the Government of India and also by the hon.Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu release them. It happened on several occasions.

Sir, you know pretty well that the Government of India gave Kachchativu to Sri Lanka for the purpose of drying nets. What happens is that when our Indian fishermen go for fishing, when there is inclement weather, they go to Kachchativu for drying the fish and their nets. They have been taken into custody from there also. They have got a lot of sophisticated weapons. Sometimes, they take away their boats and damage the boats of Indian fishermen also. The fishermen from Nagapattinam, Tuticorin, Rameswaram, Nagercoil, etc., are affected and their families have been suffering. This issue has been taken up by the Tamil Nadu Government with the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. External Affairs Minister also. This is a matter of very serious concern. Lakhs of fishermen families are insecure in those area. On the one side, the Sri Lankan Navy is taking them into custody and, on the other ,the LITE, the terrorist group, is attacking them in the mid-sea. That is how our fishermen are affected. Therefore, this is a matter of serious concern for al of us and, day in, day out, news items are appearing. Twelve fishermen from Nagapattinam have been taken into custody by the Sri Lankan Navy and the LTTE threatened them, took their boats and removed the diesel from the boats and put them in the mid-sea. This is the harassment caused to our fishermen it is the duty of the Government of India to protect the Indian fishermen from being harassed by the Sri Lankan Navy Force and the terrorist groups. Therefore, to put an end to this, I want the hon. Minister of External Affairs to take up the issue with the Sri Lankan Government, talk to them and to give protection to Indian fishermen. Let the Sri Lankan Navy not harass Indian fishermen who go for fishing for their livelihood. Otherwise, there will be tension in those areas. If the people in the coastal areas revolt, there will be tension; and there will be law and order problem in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu. Therefore, I wanted to raise this issue. Now the hon. Minister of State for External Affairs is here. You can ask him. If he wants to respond, he can respond.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Do you want to respond?

DR. V. MAITREYAN (Tamil Nadu): We associate ourselves with this Zero Hour submission... *{Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, all are associating themselves with it. Shri Santosh Bagrodia... *(Interruptions)...*

Mr. Narayanasamy, they are all associating...*(Interruptions)...*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, the hon. Minister can respond. I am requesting him. This is a very genuine human issue. There is a fishermen problem...*(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If he wants to intervene, I have no objection ...*(Interruptions)...*Just one minute...*(Interruptions)...*The Minister wants to respond to this.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): Sir, the Government takes note of the issue that has been raised here. It is a matter of serious concern to the Members. In the past, when any such incident has taken place, the Government of India has firmly taken up this matter and the Coast Guard is under strict instructions for regular patrolling...*(Interruptions)...*

डा. (श्रीमती) नजमा ए. हेपतुल्ला (राजस्थान) **:** इस सवाल पर बुलवा दिया और जजों के सवाल पर नहीं बुलवाया।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has volunteered. I did not ask him to respond ... *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: What is your problem, Madam? ...*(Interruptions)...*

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह (झारखंड) **:** अर्जुन सिंह जी बैठे थे।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has volunteered. I did not ask him to respond. ... *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Sir, it is a matter which pertains to the Ministry of External Affairs and hon. Members have specifically requested. We are just assuring them that the desired steps have been taken and shall be taken in the future to assuage the grievances of the fishermen in that area.

SHRI C. PERUMAL (Tamil Nadu): It has been a routine affairs for the last 15 years ...*(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are associating. Your name is there. Next.

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA (Rajasthan): Sir, just now you have mentioned about judicial activism and corruption. Unfortunately, the perception for public money, as we all know-whatever happens in this House or in the other House or in private life-is a question which has to be looked into. It is for this reason I am raising this issue. This is not the question of ethics only for public activities, only for Parliamentary activities, only for Government activities, but in private life also some kind of ethics have to be maintained. Sir, the Parliamentary Bulletin No. 44611 issued on 14 November this year mentions one of the points, that is,. "Members must not do anything that brings disrepute to the Parliament and affects their credibility". Similarly, the last point is, "Members are expected to maintain high standards of